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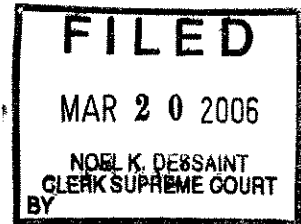
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March 16, 2006



Honorable Ruth V. McGregor
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Arizona
1501 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-3231

Re: Petition To Amend Rules 32(c) and 64(f),
Rules of the Supreme Court
Petition Number R-05-0034

Dear Justice McGregor:

I was admitted to the State Bar of Arizona in September, 1962, and until 3 years ago, was an active trial lawyer in this great State of Arizona. I now volunteer my time as a Judge Pro Tem in the Maricopa County Superior Court.

This letter is being written to request that you deny the State Bar's Petition to Amend Rules 32(c) and 64(f), Rules of the Supreme Court to eliminate age based exemption for State Bar Dues for those 70 years of age and older. I have no problem with keeping the CLE mandatory for every lawyer, no matter what age. I have always looked forward to the time I no longer have to pay bar dues, and now that I am finally here, guess what? The State Bar wants me to still pay them. This is not fair. I say this as the State Bar never put this change to the membership, it simply filed this Petition, then told the membership what it had done, giving us no chance to respond. My suggestion, if the court wants to eliminate this age based exemption, is to start it with the new lawyers that are admitted to the State Bar, thereby "Grandfathering" in all active members. This way it would be fair and equitable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Patrick E. Eldridge

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FROM THE CHAMBERS OF
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March 17, 2006

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Re: State Bar Membership Categories

Dear Mr. Eldridge:

Thank you for your letter of March 16, 2006, commenting upon the proposed rule petition that would affect the age-based exemption for members of the Arizona State Bar who are 70 years of age or older. We will regard your letter as a comment pertaining to the proposed petition.

I appreciate your interest and concern.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ruth V. McGregor", is written over the typed name.

Ruth V. McGregor
Chief Justice

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